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III. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 1 and 3-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,692,134 ("Ohwada") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,536,932 ("Suzuki"). This rejection is overcome in view of the amendment of independent claim 1 and the dependence from claim 1 of claims 3-11. Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate claim 2. The Examiner noted that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 2. The dependent claims 3-11 depending from claim 1 are also in condition for allowance because they depend from allowable independent claim 1.

IV. Conclusion

The rejections in the Office Action dated June 10, 2005 have been addressed and no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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